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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I chose a competitive provider for my internet services 6 years ago. They were chosen because price and service of the major carriers in my area was an oligarchy that restricted my access to free and open internet at speeds necessary for modern use.

The idea of the major carriers squashing competition by rescinding portions of the 1996 Telecommunications act is a giant step backward in innovation for America's competitiveness in the global market. Sipping the internet through a straw, as I like to call slow connection speeds, is all the major carriers in my area will provide. They will provide faster access, of course, at higher prices for windfall profits. US Telecom has one goal, obscene profit sanctioned by the government.

The residential market DOES have competition that will be materially affected. UNE-based competition does exist, I am living proof that unbundled copper and fiber is necessary for consumers and continued technological leadership of america.

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